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MEMORANDUM

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To: Environmental Coordinating Committee
From: Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
Date: March 28, 1978
Subject: Notice of Proposed Action to Approve
a Uranium Mining Operation

The mining and reclamation plan for the Bridger Jack Mesa uranium mine in the south one half of Section 2, Township 28 South, Range 22 East, SLBM, San Juan County, Utah is in the process of being approved under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act.

This description of the action will replace the environmental assessment usually called for on mining operations.

A State mineral lease, ML-29399, has been issued for the above area, which is approximately 15 miles southwest of Moab. The area receives an annual rainfall of 8-10 inches and consists of a rock land soil type with a pinyon-juniper vegetation association.

The operation will be a three (3) month reactivation of a small previously existing underground mine to extract an additional ore deposit. The approximate surface disturbance is currently 1.6 acres and consists of a decline and portal and two (2) waste dumps. Further activity in the mine should not create any significant impact on the surrounding environment, as the present dumps are estimated to be extended only about five (5) feet.

Upon termination of the operation the area will be reclaimed by removing or burying all extraneous materials, securing the portal with a steel gate, constructing a berm around the decline, and regrading, fertilizing, and reseeding the disturbed surface area.

Further information may be obtained from Jim Smith at 533-5771.